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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL BIOSALINE RESEARCH WORKSHOP,
SEPTEMBER 16-18

REFS: A) STATE 148615, B) TEL AVIV 6118

1. DEPARTMENT AND NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) APPRECIATE HAVING SITUATION RE ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT WORKSHOP BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION (REFTEL B), BECAUSE WE BELIEVE ALL STAND TO BENEFIT FROM ACTIVE ROLE OF ISRAELI SCIENTISTS IN THIS FIELD.

2. CIRCUMSTANCES OF WORKSHOP AS FOLLOWS: INVITATIONS ISSUED TO MAJORITY OF THE WORLD'S NATIONS DIRECTLY BY NSF
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(REFTEL A), INCLUDING SOUTH AFRICA, CHILE, PRC AND TAIWAN, AS WELL AS ISRAEL. THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT TO LIMIT INVITATION LIST ON BASIS OF POLITICS. COSPONSORSHIP BY KUWAIT INSTITUTE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CAME LATE IN GAME AND IS LIMITED TO CONTRIBUTION OF \$10,000 FOR SPECIFIED MINOR PURPOSES, SUCH AS STIPEND FOR KEYNOTE SPEAKER, OTHER POSITION PAPERS, AND SOCIAL AFFAIR. NSF SUPPORT FOR MEETING OR-

GANIZER FROM INDIANA UNIVERSITY APPROXIMATES \$55,000. AL-
THOUGH OWNED BY KUWAIT INVESTMENT CO., KIOWAH ISLAND IS
UNDER U.S. MANAGEMENT, AND FACILITIES ARE COVERED BY U.S.
CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS. THEREFORE, ANY ATTEMPT TO EXCLUDE
PERSONS ON THE BASIS OF RACE, RELIGION, ETC. WOULD BE
ILLEGAL.

3. OVERWHELMING FEELING HERE IS THAT NO POLITICAL PROBLEMS
WILL TROUBLE THE WORKSHOP. IT IS A SCIENTIFIC MEETING TO
PLAN A COMPREHENSIVE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM, AND
UNTIL THE PRESENT THERE HAS BEEN NO HINT OF POLITICAL OVER-
TONES. THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF THE KUWAIT INSTITUTE
OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. NO POL-
ITICAL DISCUSSIONS WILL BE PERMITTED BY RESPONSIBLE NSF
OFFICIAL, GILBERT B. DEVEY, WHO WILL ATTEND THROUGHOUT.

4. U.S. GOVERNMENT CANNOT SUPPLY IRONCLAD ASSURANCES THAT
KUWATIROLE WILL IN NO WAY CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR ANY PARTICI-
PANTS, BUT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES IT APPEARS HIGHLY UN-
LIKELY THAT IT WOULD. FYI: WE CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY OF
ASKING GOK FOR SOME FORM OF ASSURANCE THAT PARTICIPANTS
WOULD BE WELCOMED REGARDLESS OF NATIONALITY. IT WAS DE-
CIDED NOT TO DRAW MATTER TO ATTENTION OF GOK,
SINCE CONFERENCE IS GOVERNED BY U.S. LAWS. END FYI.

5. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO ASK GOI TO RECONSIDER PARTICIPATION
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BASED ON FACTUAL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARA 2 ABOVE.
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